

**PART 32—GRANTS TO STATES FOR
ESTABLISHING YOUNG ADULT
CONSERVATION CORPS (YACC)
PROGRAM**

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§ 32.1 Introduction.

(a) The Young Adult Conservation Corps (YACC) is authorized by title I of the Youth Employment and Demonstration Projects Act of 1977 (Pub. L. 95-93), which amends the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) of 1973 by adding a new title VIII.

(b) The Young Adult Conservation Corps (YACC) is a year-round employment program for young men and women aged 16 through 23 inclusive. Financial assistance is available through grants-in-aid for employment and work to be performed on projects affecting both Federal and non-Federal public lands and waters or projects limited to non-Federal public lands and waters. YACC grants do not require matching.

(c) The YACC grant program is jointly managed by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture under an interagency agreement with the Secretary of Labor.

(d) Thirty percent of the sums appropriated to carry out the YACC program for any fiscal year will be available for grants during such year. Grant funds will be allocated on the basis of the total youth population within each State. State YACC programs must consist of both residential and nonresidential projects. At least 25 percent of the State YACC program must be residential by September 30, 1978.

§ 32.2 Definitions.

The terms used in these regulations are defined as follows:

(a) *Act*. The Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973, as amended.

(b) *YACC*. Young Adult Conservation Corps.

(c) *Secretaries*. The Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture or their designated representatives. The YACC program is managed within Interior by the Office of Youth Programs, and within Agriculture, by the Forest Service.

(d) *State*. Any of the several States of the United States, District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and The Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands and the Northern Marianas.

(e) *Refugee/parolee*. An alien who is admitted into the United States under the Immigration and Nationality Act, and who is legally authorized to take permanent employment in the United States.

(f) *Enrollee*. An individual enrolled in the YACC grant program.

(g) *Grant*. Funding furnished by the Secretaries to a State pursuant to the Act in order to carry out the YACC program.

(h) *Grantee*. Any State recipient of a grant for the operation of a YACC program affecting both Federal and non-Federal public lands and waters, or projects limited to non-Federal public lands and waters as designated by the Governor in each State.

(i) *Subgrantee*. Any unit of general local government or any public agency or organization or any private non-profit agency or organization which has been in existence at least 2 years which has successfully applied to a State for funds to operate a YACC project affecting both Federal and non-Federal public lands and waters within that State or projects limited to non-Federal public lands and waters.

(j) *Contractor*. Any public agency or organization, or any private non-profit agency or organization which has been in existence for at least 2 years and is under contract with the grantee or subgrantee for the conduct of a YACC project affecting both Federal and non-

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Federal public lands or waters, or projects limited to non-Federal public lands and waters.

(k) *State grant program.* The YACC program consisting of one or more projects operated by a State with Federal Funding.

(l) *Project.* A YACC residential camp operation or nonresidential project:

(1) *Residential camp.* A YACC facility established and maintained to provide 7 days-per-week, 24 hours-per-day residential support services for enrollees.

(2) *Nonresidential project.* A designated area from which daily work activities are assigned and to/from which non-residential enrollees commute daily.

(m) *In consultation with.* Advance discussion shall occur on the matter under consideration.

(n) *Non-Federal public lands and waters.* Any lands or waters within the territorial limits of a State owned either in fee simple by a State or political subdivision thereof or over which a State or political subdivision thereof has, as determined by the Secretaries, sufficient long-term jurisdiction so that improvements made as the result of a grant will accrue primarily to the benefit of the public as a whole. Federally owned public lands and waters administered by a State or political subdivision thereof under agreements with a Department or Agency of the Federal Government are eligible under such definition if the Secretaries determine that the State or political subdivision thereof is entitled or is likely to retain administrative responsibility for an extended period of time sufficient to justify treatment as non-Federal public lands or waters.

(o) *Total youth population.* Number of youth in a State ages 16 through 23, consistent with the most current Bureau of Census estimate.

(p) *Labor.* U.S. Department of Labor.

(q) *Interior.* U.S. Department of the Interior.

(r) *Forest Service.* Agency within the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

§ 32.3 Program purpose and objectives.

It is the purpose of the Young Adult Conservation Corps to provide employment and other benefits to youths of both sexes from all social, economic and racial classifications who would

not otherwise be currently productively employed. The youths will be employed for a period of service during which they engage in useful conservation work which would otherwise be accomplished if adequate funding were made available.

§ 32.4 Program operation requirements.

(a) The State agencies cooperating with Interior and Forest Service having natural resource management responsibilities should be involved in the planning and implementation of the program.

(b) Grantees shall be responsible for the management of each Corps camp and project, final selection of enrollees, determination of enrollee work assignments, training, discipline and termination, and camp operations in accordance with this part and guidelines issued by Interior and Forest Service.

(1) Grantees shall assure that YACC program activities will not result in the displacement of employed workers (including partial displacement such as reduction in the hours of non-overtime work or wages or employment benefits), or impair existing contracts for services, or result in the substitution of YACC funds for other funds in connection with work that would otherwise be performed, or substitute jobs assisted under YACC for existing Federally-assisted jobs, or result in the hiring of any youth when any other person is on layoff from the same or any substantially equivalent job.

(2) Grantees shall assure that the activities in which the YACC enrollees are employed will result in an increase in employment opportunities over those opportunities which would otherwise be available.

(3) In addition, Grantees shall see that YACC enrollees do not, at the same time, share common facilities or property with, or work with members of the Job Corps, under title IV of the Act, except in emergency situations as outlined in paragraph (1)(4)(i) of this section.

(c) Enrollee eligibility: Membership in the Corps will be limited to youths between the ages of 16 to 23, inclusive who are unemployed at the time of application. Citizens, lawfully permanent